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TAGS: AORG, APER, SG, UNESCO (M'BOW, A.)

SUBJECT: CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO

REF: STATE 140163

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTION CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTTEL, PERMREP CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AGBLEMAGNON (TOGO), PRESIDENT OF UNESCO AFRICAN GROUP, TO DISCUSS M'BOW'S CANDIDACY TO REPLACE MAHEU AS UNESCO DG. PERMREP STATED THAT WE CONSIDERED M'BOW TO BE GOOD CANDIDTATE AND WISHED TO HAVE INFORMAL VIEW OF AFRICAN GROUP ON HIS CANDIDACY.

2. AGBLEMAGNON CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF M'BOW'S CANDIDACY AND THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO CALL A MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE AFRICAN GROUP DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JULY. RATHER THAN CALLING A FORMAL MEETING OF THE AFRICAN GROUP, HE FELT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE, TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE BRUEAU DIVIDE THE WORK OF SOUNDING OUT INFORMALLY ALL AFRICAN PERMANENT

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DELEGATES. SINCE ALL AFRICAN GOVTS HAD NOW PRESUMABLY

RECEIVED AND STUDIED PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S CIRCULAR LETTER ON M'BOW'S CANDIDACY, IT SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO GET A GOOD IDEA OF M'BOW'S STANDING AMONG AFRICAN GROUP WITHIN A FEW DAYS. AGBLEMAGNON PROMISED TO KEEP PERMREP INFORMED OF RESULTS THESE SOUNDINGS.

3. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, AGBLEMAGNON EXPRESSED OPINION THAT M'BOW WAS EXCELLENT CANDIDATE, KNEW UNESCO VERY WELL, WAS STRAIGHT FORWARD, HONEST, HARDWORKING MAN, AND GOOD MANAGER.

4. RE STATE 134141, PERMREP TOOK ADVANTAGE OF GENEVA GROUP MEETING JULY 19 TO SOUND OUT WE/O MEMBERS ON ADVISABILITY OF CONVENING MEETING OF WE/O GROUP TO DISCUSS DG'S SUCCESSION. ASUTRALIAN PERMREP EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SUCH MEETING WOULD BE PRE-MATURE AND OTHERS SEEMED TO AGREE. CONSENSUS APPEARED TO BE THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER PRIVATE MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT AT 93RD EXBD.

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